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PSL BANS US!

By LAURIE SCHWAB
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editor

The Philips Soccer League has black-banned "Soccer Action" because we dare to use names like Hellas and JUST.

In a move that amounts to the book-burning and witch-hunts of the Dark Ages, the PSL management committee has . . .

"Resolved that Melbourne-based member clubs be directed to take such action necessary to prevent the sale of this publication on playing fields under their control."

We quote from a PSL letter dated April 10 and signed by the secretary, Paul Kemp.

The letter makes it clear the PSL no longer supports "Soccer Action" in any way, because "Soccer Action" "continues to refer to our (PSL) member clubs by their former ethnic names, i.e. JUST, Hellas etc . . ."

Perhaps the PSL should also ban most spectators as well because they too use such names, and this newspaper always has been there to cater to the spectators out there on the terraces, the spectators with whom the PSL hierarchy rapidly is losing touch.

Will foreign Press and radio get the boot as well?

The PSL management committee made its decision in the absence of Victorian member Jim Mangopoulos who almost certainly would have opposed it.

The moral aspect of the PSL's attitude is what causes the greatest concern. In saying "do as we say or we'll get at you," the Philips Soccer League of Australia has in my opinion set an all-time low in public relations.

Yet "Soccer Action" has supported and promoted the PSL since its inception. We have devoted a huge amount of editorial space to building up a glamorous image for the league by developing "stars." We have covered all matches in detail, we have regularly provided the valuable service of running the year's fixtures over a doublepage.

Moreover, through the generous sponsorship of Yugoslav Airlines and its Victoria manager Rade Miljanovic, we have provided the richest best player award available to PSL

stars — a return trip for two to Europe.

Konstantine Jewellery has provided prizes for the goalkeeper of the year, and we've had valuable awards for the top scorer and best under 21 player.

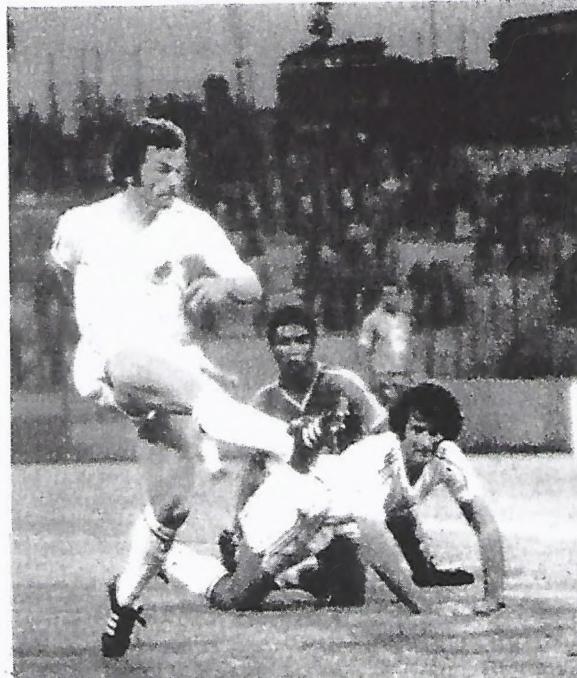
We've run photographs galore of PSL action and PSL stars and we've provided comprehensive statistics on the league and on the players over these past four-and-a-half years.

Yet the Philips League chooses to black-ban us over calling South Melbourne Hellas and Footscray JUST,

Heavens, we've been known even to mention Makedonia!

We've also mentioned the Adelaide Giants, or the West Adelaide, er . . . Hawks . . . and Marconi and Marconi Datsun, and Hakoah Eastern Suburbs, and then Sydney City, even Slickers . . . and Gladiators . . . and

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Ilija Petkovic scores the eighth of nine goals Yugoslavia netted against Zaire in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Petkovic v. Fashanu: clash of the giants

Ilija Petkovic v. Justin Fashanu — that's the treat awaiting soccer fans at Schintler Reserve in Footscray on May 31.

Petkovic, 35, one of the finest players to come to Australia, is due to join Footscray J.U.S.T. within a fortnight for six guest games.

And Fashanu, the big, black goal machine from Norwich City will join my club, Blacktown City, next month.

Blacktown and Footscray clash on May 31 and it's likely the comparative form of these two superstars will determine the outcome of the match — a match that should draw a tremendous crowd.

Petkovic, a former Yugoslav national team captain who has played at least 50 times for his country, is still top player despite his age. In fact he is captain of OFK Belgrade, the club that gave Footscray such stars as Tommy Stankovic, Branko Buljevic, Slobodan Zoraja, Milos Adamovic, Doug Utjenovic, Vero Mladenovic and Milan Mihailovic.

Previously a winger, Petkovic now plays mainly in midfield — and as a midfielder, his guidance will be of enormous value to Footscray's younger players.

I understand Footscray will pay Petkovic about \$500 a game plus all accommodation and travelling expenses. I'm sure the club will get value for money.



Justin Fashanu: joining Blacktown

ing playmaker while he guested with my former club, Adelaide City, last year.

Since going back home to England from Adelaide, Fashanu has been the target of offers from Leeds United, Arsenal and Nottingham Forest.

Transfer fees as high as \$3 million have been quoted.

But so far Fashanu has remained loyal to Norwich City where he is topscorer. For the early part of the season, he was even top scorer of the First Division.

He has agreed to make his services available free of charge for junior coaching clinics in the Blacktown, Seven Hills, Baulkham Hills area, just as he did valuable youth coaching work in Adelaide.

No need to say I am delighted to have him back. I'm sure he will greatly boost Blacktown's on-field performances as well as add a touch of glamour to the Philips League competition.

Let's hope some of the other clubs also manage to get a few guest players to brighten up the league.

Marconi is trying hard to get someone from Italy, and Milan Mihailovic.

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Western Suburbs v Makendonia,
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Slavia v Fawkner, Northcote City v Altona Gate.

SUNDAY MAY 17
At Jubilee Park:
Croydon City v Werribee,
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At Middle Park: Box Hill v Morwell Falcons,
Hakoah v Frankston Pines.

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At Kim Reserve: Polonia v Coburg, Altona City v Prahran City.

The second round of the Harry Armstrong Reserve-Cup will be played on the following dates:

Derek Barron seeks club

Former George Cross defender Derek Barron has been unable to settle down in Brisbane and is keen to move back to Melbourne.

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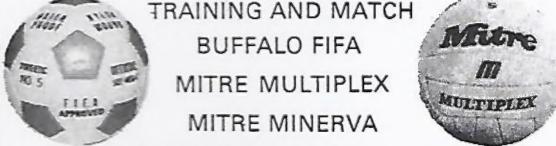
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Papasavas: where

• Sam Papasavas, 40, in his 10th year as president of Victoria's biggest club, South Melbourne Hellas, has proven himself to be one of the most capable administrators in soccer — not only at club level but also as a former chairman of the Philips League and a former board member of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Mr. Papasavas, also a Melbourne City councillor, always has been strong enough to say it as he sees it — a quality that has not endeared him to some others in the power game.

In this interview with "Soccer Action" editor LAURIE SCHWAB, Mr. Papasavas pinpoints what he sees as the problems facing Australian soccer.

He discusses whether we can overcome the problems, he talks about the successes and failures of South Melbourne Hellas, about players and coaches, about the financial problems facing all clubs ...

ENGLISH SCENE

If Grimby Town wins promotion to the First Division it will become the first team ever in England to have jumped from the Fourth Division to the First in successive seasons. And with most of the players who were with them in the Fourth Division into the bargain. One exception being Trevor Whymark, a one-joiner and a younger striker whose transfer fee of \$160,000 amounts to twice the total cash to the rest of the side. Eastern Airways have offered to fly Grimby Town to all long distance away matches next year ... if it wins promotion to the First Division.

SCHWAB: Hellas made many recruiting mistakes in the first few years of the Philips League. Have these mistakes led to a new policy on recruiting?

PAPASAVAS: Our first mistake, in 1976-77 was signing top-line State League players who proved to be of sufficiently high standard. As a result we finished 11th in the first year of the PSL. At the end of that year we appointed Dave MacLaren as coach and he signed players like Stuart Baxter, George Campbell, Alan Evans, Frank Munro, Sammy Wright, Bertie Lutton and John Hansen. That was OK and we finished third. We got a few more from overseas the following year — Ken Drakeford and Tony Turner for example, and we signed Steve Carr from Green Gully Ajax. But the loss of three points over the Turner affair (he hadn't been registered properly) and other problems wrecked morale and we finished dead last in 1979. With the benefit of hindsight, I'd say we had a few players who were unable to make the personal lives and what did we want to make in their permanent home here. In other words they lacked motivation and loyalty. Having finished last in 1979, we decided our future lies in proven players whom we know, who live here permanently and who would be loyal to the club. So in 1980 we persuaded Billy Rogers and Arthur Xanthopoulos to come out of retirement and we bought two well-established local players, Branko Buljevic from Heidelberg and Vince Bannon from Frankston. This approach resulted in us finishing third in 1980. This year we decided to retain all our players and get two top-class additions to strengthen our midfield. First we went for Sydney

PAPASAVAS: It was a decision I had little to do with. I agree that the coach at that time (Manny Poulakakis) made a premature decision. The departure of Armstrong and Walker was one of the reasons that it took us so long to get back to the top, for suddenly we had lost the heart of the team. Not only Armstrong and Walker. We lost Jimmy Mackay and Peter Bourne the same year. It was all the result of a practice match against

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City's John Stevenson who was well-known to us, and after trying unsuccessfully to sign other locals — like Eddie Krcevic or Mark Jankovic — we looked overseas and came up with Jim Shirra from Dundee. He was recommended to us by Vince Bannon's brother Eammon, who is a top player in Scotland, and we valued that recommendation sufficiently to sign Shirra, who of course has justified our confidence in him.

SCHWAB: Traditionally, Hellas has concentrated on signing only players with big reputations established through the Press ...

PAPASAVAS: There's always less risk involved in doing that, in getting these big-name players. Also, the name players attract media attention and help promote the club.

SCHWAB: Nottingham Forest chairman Jeffrey MacPherson commented to me during his visit last year that Forest did not bother any more with players who cost less than a million pounds. Is Hellas becoming the Nottingham Forest of Australia in this regard?

PAPASAVAS: On scale, I suppose you could say that. We take the name players and we pay the price tag. Historically, we always have bought top players — we bought Jim Armstrong from Hakoah and Steve Walker from Lions in the late sixties, and these two made us a top team for quite a few years.

SCHWAB: I and many others thought it was a bad decision to axe Walker and Armstrong when the Philips League started — ostensibly because they were too old. Do you regret that decision now?

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West Adelaide. We were completely unprepared for the game, while West Adelaide had trained for it. We lost 4-0 and on the team's return Manny said that if we were to improve, we would have to let the older players go. We then got players like Graham French, Peter Vaughan, Anton Dosen, Ian Gibson and John Gardiner, and we showed no progress on the field. In fact it took us until 1980 to finally replace Armstrong, Walker, Bourne and Mackay with men of similar determination and loyalty. We have them now in Rogers, Xanthopoulos, Evans and Bannon.

SCHWAB: John Gardiner, having won two Rothmans Medals with George Cross, and having often represented Victoria, had the ability to do well for Hellas but it appeared he wasn't given enough time.

PAPASAVAS: We got him when all the others had failed. We paid Essendon Lions \$7000 and we also gave them John Kennedy and Howard Andrews in exchange, but Gardiner came at the wrong time. Morale in the team was bad, we had no permanent coach, results were going against us. As a result John couldn't produce properly, he wasn't able to show his best form and at the end of the season the feeling was he should have given more. Also, we weren't happy with his behaviour on a few occasions. He just didn't fit, although I don't deny for one minute that he was, and probably still is an exceptional player.

SCHWAB: Going into your 10th year at the Hellas helm, you are, as far as I know, the longest-serving resident in the Philips League. The club has had many successes and failures during that time but you have survived the pressure from Hellas' highly demanding fans.

PAPASAVAS: The pressures are there because Hellas has been a top club for so long that the supporters won't stand for anything less. However, in recent years I think the supporters have become more tolerant and more understanding. They could see the problems for themselves and they could see there was no easy solution. In the old days they wouldn't have accepted two losses in a row but they realise that the opposition in the Philips League is very strong — much stronger than it was in the State League. In the sixties we sometimes didn't have what you would call a top team, yet we still won the championship. That doesn't happen in the Philips League.

SCHWAB: Has there ever been a challenge to your leadership?

PAPASAVAS: No, but then Hellas always had a very stable administration. In 21 years, we have had only three presidents — Theo Marmaras who served from 1960 to 1968 and again in 1971, George Rallis who was there from 1968 to 1970 and I, who took over in 1972.

SCHWAB: Have you been disillusioned by soccer over these 10 years?

PAPASAVAS: Many times — by players, results, the frustrations that football cause.

SCHWAB: Disillusioned enough to throw it in?

PAPASAVAS: Well, I'm not staying on forever, but I'm not quitting yet, either.

SCHWAB: What's been your greatest disappointment?

PAPASAVAS: I expected soccer to take off in a big way due to the birth of the Philips League. I looked forward to crowds of 15,000 to 20,000. But it hasn't happened. Where we are now is pretty much where we were before the PSL, although the playing standard obviously has improved tremendously.

SCHWAB: But the clubs pay for the improvement in wages and transfer fees. Can the clubs continue to pay without the appropriate return at the gate?

PAPASAVAS: We are all finding it difficult. Our income is less than our expenditure.

SCHWAB: How much less?

PAPASAVAS: At the gate we get 25% to 30% less than our expenses, and we raise the balance ourselves — with difficulty. We have to make up \$100,000 a year.

SCHWAB: The Hellas restaurant must have helped bridge the gap considerably.

PAPASAVAS: Well, it's been a success, but the restaurant we'd be out of business and we can't stop there. In the next decade the club must embark on ground improvements of a magnitude we had never imagined.

SCHWAB: But how will you pay for it?

PAPASAVAS: We'll have to borrow.

SCHWAB: Then there's Hakaoah. You share the ground, so presumably you'd expect Hakaoah to share part of the expenses involved in improvements. What's the arrangement between Hellas and Hakaoah at the moment?

PAPASAVAS: We're on a 21-year lease. We were on a fixed percentage of gate takings but we had that varied because of the expenditure we incurred on the ground. Now we pay a fixed rental of about \$10,000 a year, while Hakaoah pays only about \$1000 a year. But look at the rentals paid by Australian Rules clubs — Carlton pays \$6000 for Princes Park Oval and Richmond only \$1000 for the Punt Road Oval where it trains.

SCHWAB: Getting back to your disappointment with soccer not having taken off the way you had hoped ... Are you optimistic about the future?

PAPASAVAS: Only if we get major promotion of the type and magnitude that lifted cricket. We need someone like Packer moving in and sponsoring each club with say, \$50,000. In addition, he would have to spend another couple of million in general promotion. I understand about \$5 million was spent in the first year of World Series Cricket to get it off the ground, yet it paid for itself within two years. Such a promoter obviously would make demands of us — co-operation in framing fixtures, kick-off times, names perhaps. But so what? We've already had to make many concessions with very little return.

SCHWAB: When Packer took cricket, he took an established Australian sport that already had the support of the Australian people. Soccer is not in that category, so where is the motivation for a money-man to promote soccer?

PAPASAVAS: Statistics show that more people are involved in soccer at junior level than in any



Some of the players who have come and gone at Hellas over the past few years, from top left: Stuart Baxter, Ken Drakeford, John Gardiner, Jack Reilly, Noel Mitten, Tony Turner, Chris Kent, Ian Gibson, Anton Dosen, Frank Munro, John Hansen, Steve Carr.

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involvement shouldn't be translated into senior soccer. The generation of today that tomorrow will produce the new Establishment, the new leaders of government and industry. Thus involvement evolves.

SCHWAB: The biggest burden hanging over the Philips League is the high cost of air travel which can be covered only by sponsorship. Isn't such sponsorship a risky year-to-year proposition which leaves the PSL tottering on shaky foundations?

PAPASAVAS: If Philips Industries were to end their subsidy tomorrow, I feel most clubs still would want to continue for reasons of pride and ambition. We've been going on for five years, which is not really a long time. I feel the league will continue despite its difficulties.

SCHWAB: The game of soccer has floated to the top in the PSL, while in other football standards and attendances have dropped. The only real exception would be the Queensland State League. If clubs outside the PSL continue to degenerate, we may run out of candidates for promotion to the PSL.

PAPASAVAS: The VFL has survived without any promotion or relegation. We do the next best thing — we have promotion and relegation on a selective basis. If we run out of new candidates, we keep the ones we have already. Hellas wasn't relegated when it finished last, and it didn't do the league any harm. Maybe the second or third our fourth division clubs of today may develop sufficient over the years to get into the PSL. I hope so, although at this moment I can't see it.

SCHWAB: There is no major talk about the tremendous potential support soccer has in this country, yet this talk is of little consolation to the clubs trying to pay their bills from dwindling data takings. When is all this potential going to be realized?

Hellas the Nottingham Forest of Australia

PAPASAVAS: Look, like it or not, soccer in this country still is very much an ethnic sport. Our market is the three or four million people of ethnic origins — and that is a very big market. We are told that in future we can expect all kinds of wonderful things but until we get to that future, we haven't faced the reality of today. I believe we ought to have made an effort to attract a new audience. But having followed that line for five years now, and having failed dismally to increase our crowds, we've got to reassess our attitude and pinpoint exactly where we are going to get our spectators from. I would rather keep 20,000 Greek happy than please 500 non-Greeks.

SCHWAB: I was rather surprised to hear Greek music being broadcast at your match against Newcastle. It seemed to be inconsistent with the previous policy.

PAPASAVAS: If our supporters want Greek music, if they want announcements in Greek a well as English, they are going to get what they want. We are there to please our customers, the same as any other business. No-one has ever complained.

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SCHWAB: The marketing push of the ASF has turned into a matter of some contention. There have been claims that the marketing campaign is unproductive, misdirected and expensive, while the marketing executives themselves say that without marketing the game cannot be popularised, and that the marketing activities so far already have paid for themselves. Give me your views on the marketing push.

PAPASAVAS: I am not aware of any marketing push. They've been at it nine months and after that time you'd think signs would begin to appear on the horizon. You should see signs of acceptance by commercial interests and the media at a level not evident before. I have seen no such signs. We approached the marketing people asking them to help us get a club sponsor. We're still waiting and we're still getting into debt. Yet as far as I know, the pre-kelling exercise is costing us \$50,000 — practical all the money we're getting from Channel 9's TV rights.

SCHWAB: Are you confident or pessimistic about Australia's chances of reaching the World Cup finals?

PAPASAVAS: We must all be confident. It would be a tremendous boost for the game, so we've got to cheer the team along. I'm particularly proud that Hellas has three men in the national

squad — Alan Davidson, Steve Blair and now Billy Rogers. However, I'll wait until after the New Zealand game before feeling glum or hopeful.

SCHWAB: As a general policy, do you think the national coach should be appointed from within or from outside the country? I'm asking in defence of Rudi Gutendorf who has been criticised for his many changes in personnel — changes that probably were inevitable as he knew none of our players.

PAPASAVAS: The national coach should be the best man available at the time, be he here in Australia or overseas. If the quality is comparable, then by all means, let's have the local, for as you say the local does not have to go through the same agonies of selection.

SCHWAB: You have said often that you favor stability in club coaching, yet still you have been forced to change coaches over the years. How hard is it to withstand the pressure of supporters when a coach is in the gun?

PAPASAVAS: Supporters can make life very difficult for the coach and the president but successful clubs are those that have stability in administration and coaching. We're getting there. Changing the coach usually does not solve the problem. We had three coaches in the one year — MacLaren, Duncan McKay and John Margaritis — and it made little difference. We still finished last.

SCHWAB: Your administration has grown in stature to such an extent that you can withstand more pressure than ever. Who are the other men who constitute the backbone of the club?

PAPASAVAS: Leo Anezakis has been with us for five or six years as team manager, Nick Saglios has been secretary for about seven years, Nick Kumanopulos is a solid worker behind the scenes, and we have a fine treasurer in George Vass. Our management is very calculating, and it has shown ability to survive financially.

SCHWAB: Twice you experimented with full-time club managers but both experiments ended badly. Have you abandoned the idea now?

PAPASAVAS: No, not entirely, but it's not financially viable at the moment. The managers were supposed to generate money but we didn't get sufficient return.

SCHWAB: You appointed your former coach, Dave MacLaren, as marketing officer late last year. Where did that lead?

PAPASAVAS: It didn't work. He was supposed to go advertising and sponsorship for the club but it was impossible to do.

SCHWAB: Looking back, who have been your most memorable players over the past decade?

PAPASAVAS: Jimmy Armstrong would be No. 1, for his many goals from any angle and any distance. His achievement in overtaking Paul Murphy of George Cross in the last game of the season to win the Stage League top scorer award, was exceptional. Then there was goalkeeper Marko Fode who went 13 games without con-



ceding a goal. Since the formation of the PSL, Alun Evans has been No. 1. He is one of the best players Hellas ever had.

SCHWAB: Why did you want to become president of Hellas?

PAPASAVAS: It was a matter of circumstances. While I was a Footscray City Councillor, I was the council's nominee to the J.U.S.T. committee from 1966 to 1969. About the same time I also took an interest in Hellas, and became gradually more involved. In 1970 I was on the Hellas committee, and when Theo Marmaras wanted to retire, he put me up as the new president and I ran unopposed. I've been unopposed ever since.

Stop the 'knocking' — coaches must learn from each other

A full-time Director of Coaching recently has been appointed in Tasmania. He is Steve Darby, a 26-year-old English-man, whose appointment is for three years.

Darby is well qualified for the position, both academically and in the sporting sense.

He has a Bachelor of Education degree and a teaching certificate in physical education and he holds the English FA senior coaching licence.

He is a FIFA instructor for Oceania, spent two years as assistant to Jack Mansell, national coach of Bahrain, and last year coached Devonport in the Tasmanian State League.

Devonport, a side that avoided relegation on goal difference in 1979, last season finished fourth in the State League, was semi-finalist in both the Ampol and Cadbury Cups, and won the pre-season and post-season floodlight competitions in the north.

Eight players from Devonport obtained State schoolboy representative honours.

I interviewed Steve Darby shortly after he took up his new position and asked him to outline some of his ideas and plans for the future.

Q. You're only 26 years old. Why did you turn to coaching at such a relatively young age?

A. I'd had three cartilages out at 16, while I was a young player with an English League club, so my parents correctly advised me to go into university to become a physical education teacher. It was then that I was first introduced to coaching, by Mervyn Beck, who opened my eyes to the game. He made training very interesting.

Q. What potential does Australian soccer have?

A. There's great potential in Australian soccer. The combination of ethnic ball skills, the British attitude and Australian physique and environment must one day produce success.

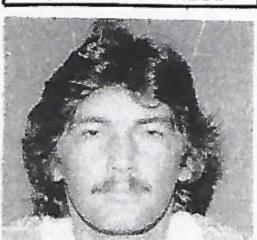
Q. Should there be co-operation between rival coaches?

A. Yes. It disgusts me when I see coaches 'knocking' each other. For example, a number of people in Tasmania seem to want Ken Morton to fail at Wollongong. This, to me, is ridiculous. I hope that Ken does a great job. He does coach. He isn't just a motivator. He did a magnificent job in Tasmania. We used to sit and exchange ideas and talk about the game for hours. This should be done far more often.

Q. Can coaches learn from each other and from others?

A. It's a dangerous man. I believe who thinks he knows it all. You never stop learning.

By WALTER PLESS



Steve Darby, Tasmanian Director of Coaching.

ning and you can learn from anybody. You can learn from other sports too. I admire Ron Greenwood's principles and I was brought up on Bill Shankly's motivational background. I learned a great deal from Jack Mansell, who's an incredible coach.

Rather than follow one man, I like to extract different pieces from different coaches. For example, there are many things I've learned from Eric Worthington. I think Len McKernan's methods are tremendous. Ron Smith is involving many young lads and strengthening the game's base. I think it's wrong to copy one man. You should try to extract the best from each coach. I've never seen Raleasic work, but I've heard nothing but praise for him. I think it's a good sign that Jimmy Shouler has got this job at Canberra (in charge of soccer at the new Sports Institute). This is a great step forward for Australian soccer and I think Jimmy will do a great job.

Q. What problems does Tasmania face?

A. The lack of quality grounds. Some of the grounds are in terrible condition. It's a very bad environment to play in and I think a lot of work should be done to develop the facilities, especially training facilities. I think the clubs should find a balance in their expenditure between the money they spend on players and wages and the money they pump back into facilities. Imported players should be used for coaching the kids. Clubs should have five-year plans rather than one-year, short-term, selfish aims.

Q. What are your priorities as Director of Coaching?

A. I see the game basically as a triangle.

• TOM ANDERSON'S COLUMN — P. 9

le. Kids form the base of this triangle, State League players the top. We must make the base very solid by getting more and more kids playing the game. Every person who coaches a primary or junior side should have attended a coaching course so that they have, at least, the fundamentals of the game behind them. I'd like to get more senior players involved in coaching. We've got senior players in Tasmania with English experience, players like Eric Young and Peter Brine. There are other top-class players like Tommy McKenna and Wolfgang Strelzel, who could help. The coaching system is lacking this in Tasmania. I'm going to get more players to come back into the game at a coaching level.

Q. What about your role as a coach of coaches?

A. My role is to stimulate these people, to give them new ideas, to help them in training methods, to liaise between them. We don't want stagnation; we must keep progressing. I think it's very important that the senior players get involved because the kids have to have a model. My long-term aim over three years is for every single primary and junior side to have a coach who has attended a basic course, and at the other extreme, every senior State League club to have a senior badge holder as coach. We're half way there now and it's my job to make sure they do this and the full backlog of the State Federation.

Q. What is the difference between the senior and junior coaches' roles within a club?

A. Obviously, the senior coach's role, if he's taking the first team, is to win. But, I think the man should look at himself and see how he wins. He should try to do it as skilfully and attractively as possible. Anyone can 'kick' their way to a premiership and there should be no place for coaches like this. As for junior coaches, winning shouldn't be as important. The main thing should be the development of the skills, of actual ball skills and the thought of the players. The greatest indication of success in a youth program is the number of kids who get into the first team. This should be the only sign of success in a youth policy, not the number of trophies that have been won.

Q. Do you have any advice for young stars?

A. Yes. Just play, play, play. Play in the garden, play with your dad, play with the ball in your street. We'll never recreate the British background of playing in the street because it's a different social environment in Australia. The kids must never be ashamed to be seen with a ball. They should practise with it every spare moment, that's the most important thing.

Q. Can coaches learn from each other and from others?

A. It's a dangerous man. I believe who thinks he knows it all. You never stop learning.

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| | HOME | AWAY | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Gls | Pts |
|--------------------------------|------|------|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|-------|-------|----|-----|-----|
| 1 (1) South Melbourne | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 13.7 | 13 | | |
| 2 (2) Wollongong | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 12.6 | 11 | | |
| 3 (4) Canberra City | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 9.4 | 11 | | |
| 4 (8) Newcastle KB Utd | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 12.6 | 10 | | |
| 5 (3) Sydney City | 3 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 11.6 | 10 | | |
| 6 (6) Leichhardt | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 10.8 | 10 | | |
| 7 (5) Brisbane City | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9.6 | 9 | | |
| 8 (7) "Marconi Datsun" | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 6.12 | 9 | | |
| 9 (10) Adelaide City | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 13.10 | 8 | | |
| 10 (12) Brisbane Lions | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8.9 | 7 | | |
| 11 (9) Preston | 0 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 12.14 | 6 | | | |
| 12 (15) "Sydney Olympic" | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 12.17 | 6 | | |
| 13 (13) "Heidelberg Utd" | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 10.15 | 6 | | |
| 14 (11) Blacktown | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 10.16 | 6 | | |
| 15 (14) West Adelaide | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6.8 | 5 | | |
| 16 (16) "Footscray" | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 7.16 | 5 | | |

* Played one game more than the rest.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

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(Newc)

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| ONTONG (3) (Bris. Lions) | BERTOGNA (3) (Newc) | de GRAFF (3) (Woll) | NIVEN (2) (Brisb Lions) |
| KATHOLOS (3) (Syd. Oil) | PERIN (1) (Adel. C) | RASKOPOULOS (1) (Syd. Oil) | |
| O'CONNOR (2) (L'hardt) | VALERI (3) (Canberra) | MITCHELL (2) (Adel. C) | |

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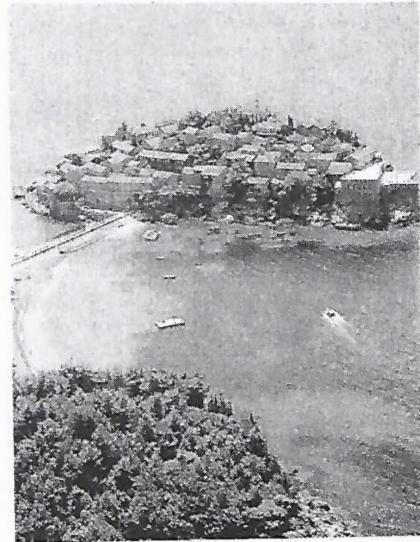
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Millman) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Richlands, votes by Bruce Waddell;

6. Bennett (BL), 5. Ontong (BL), 4. Dunne (BC), 3. Hermiston (BL), 2. Pimblett (BC), 1. Niven (BL).

WEST ADELAIDE 0 WOLLONGONG 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium, votes by Mene Toutsidis:

6. de Graaf (WA), 5. Crook (WA), 4. Tymczyszyn (WA), 3. Brown (WA), 2. Dunlop (WA), 1. Wright (WA).

LEICHARDT 1 (O'Connor) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Evans) at Leichardt Park, votes by Tom Anderson:

6. O'Connor (L), 5. Evans (SM), 4. Rogers (SM), 3. Morsell (L), 2. Wilson (L), 1. Davidson (SM).

FOOTSCRAY 1 (Belic) SYDNEY CITY 0 at Schindler Reserve, votes by Dick Prengast:

6. Boland (F), 5. Kosmina (SC), 4. Patikas (SC), 3. Kyriakoulessis (F), 2. Barnes (SC), 1. Cozzella (F).

NEWCASTLE UTD 4 (Mountford 2, Senkalski, Bergoglio) PRESTON MAKEDODA 0 at International Sports Centre, votes by Jim Smith:

6. Dando (N), 5. Beretta (N), 4. Mountford (N), 3. Ollerton (P), 2. Buckley (N), 1. McMillan (P).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Katholos, Cotton) MARCONI DATSON 0 at Pratten Park. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Katholos (SO), 5. Raskopoulos (SO), 4. Henderson (M), 3. Laing (SO), 2. Cotton (SO), 1. Maher (M).

BLACKTOWN 1 (Cuk) ADELAIDE CITY 5 (Mitchell 2, J.

Nyskohus, Russell, Northcote) at Gabbie Stadium. Votes by Roger Sherack:

6. Perin (AC), 5. Mitchell (AC), 4. J. Nyskohus (AC), 3. Dods (AC), 2. Northcote (AC), 1. Jones (AC).

HEIDELBERG 1 (Taylor), CANBERRA 1 (John O'Shea) at Olympic Park. Votes by Bob Brian:

6. Valari (C), 5. Gibson (C), 4. Yzendoorn (H), 3 McMillan (H), 2 Stark (G), 1 Tansey (C).

LEADERS:

29. Kosmina (SC).
28. Ollerton (P).
27. Ontong (BL).
26. Hermiston (BL), T. Byrne (Can).
25. Katholos (SO).
24. Evans (SM).

22. Ilioski (F), Bertogna (Newc), Mitchell (AC), Bennett (BL).
21. Boland (F), P. O'Connor (L).
20. de Graaf (F), C. Campbell (Woll), P. Wilkinson (BC), Cullen (P), Boden (SC).

TOP SCORERS:

6. Boden (SC).
5. O'Connor (L), Ollerton (P).
4. Mitchell (AC), Evans (SM), Valari (Can).
3. Paton (H'berg), Cuk (Black), P. Wilkinson (BC), Christopoulos (SM), Cullen (P).

READERS' FORUM



Heidelberg United welcomed its two Irish recruits last week. Pictured with coach Jimmy Rooney (left) and publicity officer Ollie Norris, they are centre back Liam Monagle (with beard) and striker Joe McGrory, both of the Finn Harps club. In a practice match against Kew Park Rangers last week, McGrory scored two goals.

Washouts, disco freaks, Rale Basic's offside

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

South Melbourne Hellas can establish itself as firm favorite for the 1981 PSL title if it defeats fellow title contender Wollongong at Middle Park this Sunday.

Ken Morton's Marvels may be re-labelled the Wollongong Washouts by 5 pm on Sunday.

The Hellas midfield of Billy Rogers, Jim Shirra and John Stevenson is as good a combination as any in the land.

Rogers covers acres of ground and tackles fiercely. Shirra has excellent vision and disposal while Stevenson is a fine one-touch player and has the knack of getting into dangerous positions up front.

Hellas full backs Vince Bannon and Alan Davidson continually surge forward out wide in support of their midfielders and front runners.

Hellas uses the narrow width of Middle Park to its fullest in an attempt to stretch the opposition at the back.

Wollongong's central defenders Brian Dunleavy and Billy de Graaf have a task of enormous magnitude. They have to subdue Alan Evans and Brian Bulevic.

With Duncan Cummings running into form the Hellas attack takes on a more lethal appearance.

I can't see Wollongong holding out.

Preston and Leichhardt clash in front of Preston's fiercely partisan crowd at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

Leichhardt is reaping the benefit of maintaining its belief in Willis Wallace's team building ability.

Last year Leichhardt struggled in midfield and up front.

With Alan Hughes, Frank Leyden and Zdenko Kafka added to last year's squad the midfield looks far more accomplished.

Sebastian Giampaolo has had a meteoric rise since switching from Canterbury City earlier this year.

Giampaolo has shot to prominence as a candidate for a berth in the Australian national eleven while adding bite to the Leichhardt forward thrust alongside Marshall Soper and Phil O'Connor.

Preston has had a dis-

appointing start to its first PSL season.

The non-stop aggression and constant commitment to going forward which characterised its win in last year's Victorian State League looks to be flagging.

But I can't see this trend continuing with the quality of players at Brian Edgley's disposal.

I think Preston and Leichhardt may have to be content with sharing the spoils.

Brisbane Lions are a much better side than their place on the PSL ladder suggests.

They'll prove this by giving Sydney City a tough time at the Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday.

Led by Jim Hermiston's experience, Paul Ontong's lightning dashes upfield and Alan Niven's steadiness Lions will prove well organised at the back and the Sliders won't find it easy to get through.

Footscray J.U.S.T. is the offering for Canberra City's bumper feast at Bruce Stadium on Easter Monday.

Enough has been said about J.U.S.T.'s lack of quality players. Canberra will win.

Not so long ago Marconi at home was a fearsome opponent.

It seems that Marconi is trying to blend disco freaks with sadly out of touch players. The result is a side with an off-beat rhythm which still is in touch with a top four berth.

Even if every Marconi player gets to bed by 8 pm on match eve Heidelberg will be no pushover. A draw is on the cards.

Adelaide City can continue its rise up the ladder at the expense of visitor Newcastle this Sunday.

The City outfit is a hard nut to crack and youngsters David

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY v Brisbane Lions at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — SC 4-0, 2-0, 1978 — BL 3-1, 1-1, 1979 — SC 2-1, 1-1, 1980 — BL 2-0, 1-1. Advantage Sydney City 3 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 12-9.

Marconi v HEIDELBERG at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Marconi 4-1, 0-0, 1978 — Marconi 4-0, Heidelberg 3-1. Advantage Marconi 3-1, 0-0. Advantage Heidelberg 3 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 13-16.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v West Adelaide at Pratten Park, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — WA 4-0, 1-0, 1978 — WA 4-2, SO 1-0, 1979 — SO 2-0, 0-0. Advantage West Adelaide 3 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 9-5.

IN MELBOURNE
Preston Macedonia v Leichhardt (draw) at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
SOUTH MELBOURNE v Wollongong at Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v Blacktown (draw) at Spencer Park, Saturday 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 — Bris. C. 3-1, 2-1.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide City v Newcastle (draw) at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2-30 pm. Previous results: 1978 — 2-2, 1-1, 1979 — 0-0, 0-0, 1980 — Newc. 3-1, 3-1. Advantage Newcastle 2 wins, 4 draws. Goals: 9-6.

IN CANBERRA
CANBERRA v Footscray at Bruce Stadium, Monday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Footscray 3-0, 1-0, 1978 — Canb 2-1, 1-1, 1979 — Footscray 3-0, Canb. 2-1, 1980 — Canb. 1-0, 0-0. No advantage. Goal advantage Footscray, 10-6.

Mitchell and Charlie Villani blend well with experienced players like John Perin, Bob Russell, the Nykosh brothers and Gary Macroch.

City coach Bob D'Ottavio is enjoying early success and City looks likely top four.

Blacktown should snatch a point at Spencer Park against Brisbane City on Saturday.

The much maligned Blacktown offside trap continues to baffle the opposition. Many critics have spoken about ways to beat the offside trap but I've yet to read a detailed outline of these counter tactics.

And a few PSL coaches haven't been able to solve the problem so what hope have the armchair scribes?

Whether or not Basic's plan is labelled as negative or positive is immaterial. What matters is that he is reaping rewards.

When all is said and done a coach will stand or fall on his results. So Blacktown will continue to push forward, confine the playing area and frustrate its opponents.

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SIR — I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate Yallourn S.C. on the publication of an excellent club newsletter. However, I should also like to draw attention to the article on the necessity of being over 35 and slow to play for Morell Falcons.

Morell Falcons have a fortuitous blend of youth and experience. The exuberance of brilliant developers coordinates effectively with a remorseless core of battle-hardened veterans. Could the ensuing successes achieved be represented by someone at your club?

The aforementioned 35 year olds not probably, but do possess more skills, knowledge and of course soccer experience than your club can currently muster. Certainly, our 35 year olds, arguably, have lost a scintilla of their former blistering pace, though when it comes to reading the game they remain peerless.

Please don't let us disappear before a plethora of verbiage.

However, perhaps if Yallourn had fielded a few slow 35 year olds with our wealth of soccer know-how in its recent encounter with Heidelberg its 3-1 lead would not have become a 4-3 loss!

Wishing Yallourn a successful season.

A slow 38 year old.

— Jimmy Armstrong

SIR — Read with interest Tom Anderson's column on violence in Rugby and especially in the Ping Pong Australian Rules game.

I hope you never let them forget that soccer is for all kids.

How can Rugby or Rules be classified as sport when life and limb is at risk every time players run onto the field?

That is sadly lacking in Melbourne is people like Tom Anderson who will make themselves heard. The V.F.L. has taken over this state and publicly makes it known it has declared war on soccer.

Alan Aylett and Jack Hamilton forever are boasting that Rules will put Rugby League and soccer out of business in Sydney.

It up to Mr. Wan to see this never happens.

The Sydney Cricket Ground

should be barred to them! They have an open go in Melbourne with an ex-V.F.L. player as Minister of Youth, Sport and Recreation - Brian Dixon.

He retained his seat by 80 votes.

As long as he is in power no way will he let soccer get its just reward.

Recently I read the huge amount Sydney Soccer received from the pools. This is unbelievable.

The V.F.L. gets a grant of \$137,000 and soccer gets \$27,000 from Victorian Soccer Pools.

The code that makes it possible props up a sport that is hostile to its existence.

It's like cricket popping up some other sport to the tune of thousands of dollars.

The V.F.L. has just disclosed that its profit for 1980 was over \$1,000,000. It's a grace when one considers the bankrupt state of soccer.

An enquiry is long overdue.

Keep up your outspoken comments Tom. Good luck — best wishes for the future.

— P. Charlesworth

SIR — I was amazed to read that Mike Johnson coaches boys of 12 years of age at 6.00 a.m.

That one of these boys travels for one hour beforehand is almost unbelievable.

What time does this boy go to bed at night, does he have homework, time to watch a little T.V., time to chat with Mum and Dad and other members of his family.

This boy must be out of his bed by at least 4.30 am. What about breakfast?

Has young Craig Dye's Dad ever considered the possibility that Craig may not make it as a soccer player?

My son Craig and his team mates is to stay in bed until it's time for school.

After school, coaching is sufficient for boys of your age and if you have a natural talent for the great game of soccer your ability will be recognised in due course.

During school holidays why not attend a soccer camp where you will receive expert tuition from expert coaches.

I am not knocking Mike Johnson's ability as a coach. Only his timing.

Keep at your schooling Craig. After all if you do become a famous soccer star wouldn't it be nice to be able to hold an intelligent conversation with all those nice people you meet, and what about all those after-dinner speeches and presentation nights?

All the best for your future Craig.

— Danny Collins,
15 Ainsworth Street,
Sunshine, Vic.

ENGLISH SCENE

Ron Atkinson, the West Bromwich Albion manager, wants the F.A. to pay clubs \$2000 for the use of a player for a full international. He also wants \$1000 for the clubs who have a player in a "B" international.

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Katholos tops, Housseini ordered off

Syd. Olympic 2.
Marconi 0.



Ted Smithies

Ground: Pratten Park.
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Referee: T. Boskovic 6.
Scorers: P. Katholos 71st, R. Cotton 80th.

Yellow Cards: Marconi: Henderson, Muir. Olympic: Ziras 76th.

Red Card: Marconi: Housseini 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 6, Moulis 7, K. Wilson 7, Palmer 7, Ziras 7, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 9, Laing 8, Cotton 8, Koussas 7, Jennings 7.

MARCONI: Maher 8, Degney 6, Henderson 8, Prskala 6, Mariani 6, Colusso 5, (Muir 31st 7), Byrne 7, Housseini 7, Sharne 6, Jankovic 8, Krcevic 7.

A candid summary of this match is simple. Marconi was lucky to loose by only two goals instead of four or five. Olympic delighted their supporters, who turned out en masse, living up to their reputation for exciting attacking soccer.

Marconi however were again disappointing, with another tentative display typical of their '81 outings.

The writing was on the wall very early as with only 5 minutes gone Peter Katholos picked up a through ball after Tony Henderson had been dispossessed in some loose play, and hammered in a 25m shot which Allan Maher only just managed to tip over the bar. Maher was justifiably furious, as the defence was shocking.

Olympic kept up this 100 mph attacking style and only 5 minutes later Marconi expatriate Peter Raskopoulos put Katholos into the clear — down the right flank. Mark Koussas was unmarked right in front but in his eagerness he miscued completely and Marconi lived to fight another day.

Marconi continued to backpedal and in the 18th minute Maher saved them again when he pushed a Jennings shot around the corner. They did however show occasional glimpses of their potential and in the 20th Peter Sharne got in a good shot from just outside the area. This was heartening, but the consistency which has been lacking has already raised its ugly head, when he stood flat-footed and watched a through ball from Henderson roll past into the waiting Olympic defence.

Olympic should have hit the front in the 28th when Koussas was unmarked into a scoring position. On this occasion Maher came off his time to push Koussas wide and the ball passed safely outside the left upright.

At this point Raul Blanco decided to bolster his defense and brought on big Jimbo Muir for Dennis Colusso.



Raul Blanco

This had an immediate effect and Marconi's composure increased threefold.

For the remaining 15 minutes until the break they held all the cards but, unfortunately,

MATCH RATING:

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tunited for them, they did nothing with them.

In fact they only created one chance which was due more to the individual skill of Eddie Krcevic than anything else.

After the break Olympic took up the reins and didn't give Marconi a moment's peace.

They were creating chances aplenty but for a while it looked like they were to use Tommy Doherty's words, still "goal shy."

This was never more apparent than in the 50th when Koussas got yet another chance. Would you believe he missed one from only 2m?

I'm sure he'll never know, how Maher bluffed him out of that one.

Despite all the chances it was quite ironical how Olympic took the lead.

In fact I don't really agree that they deserved the free from which Katholos scored.

Jim Muir gave it away 2m outside the area and had only turned to chase a throughball and, in what appeared to be an accident, collided with an Olympic attacker.

Tony Boskovic thought differently however and replaced Drinkwater 65th, Stamp 7, replaced Kamaz 75th.

PRESTON: Clayton 7, Rainey 6, Beach 6, Higham 6, Petrovski 7, Faulkner 7, Flavel 8, Luchesi 8, McMillan 8, Ollerton 8, Little 6 (Stoikios 6, replaced Little).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Szwarc 6, Senkalski 6, Bertogna 64th, 75th Mountford.

The biggest home victory and the smallest home crowd don't usually go together, but that's what happened when these two teams met last week.

But the 4000-odd people were treated to quite an entertaining match. And for this, credit must go to the Preston team.

By choosing to play the game open they contributed to the spectators of seeing two sides play open end-to-end stuff which was like a breath of fresh air by comparison with some of the dour football played in the last few matches.

Bob Mountford, scoring his first goal in PSL in the 7th minute, probably had a lot to do with opening the game up.

From a great free kick on the deep left by Tredinnick, Mountford outjumped the defence and his looping header gave goalkeeper Clayton no chance.

A few minutes later the visitors started to move the ball about nicely and although they did not create clear-cut chances they were managing to get their shots in, and a team is always in with a chance while they are having a shot.

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Heidelberg midfielder Theo Selemidis (left) rises above team mate Joe McGrory to glance a header toward the Canberra goal.

McGrory will do just fine thanks

**Heidelberg 1
Canberra City 1**

Scorers: Heidelberg — Taylor 58th. **Canberra — John O'Shea 60th.**

Ground: Olympic Park.

Weather: Warm.

Attendance: 3752.

Referee: E. Venios 6.

Booked: Walter Valeri, Canberra.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6; McMillan 7, Yzendoorn 8; Provan 6, Tansey 7; Selemidis 6; Taylor 6, Rooney 7; Boszakis 5 (McGrory 58th 5); Cole 6; Campbell 6.

CANBERRA: Wilson 7, M. O'Shea 7, Farrell 5 (Massa 64th 4), Cole 7, J. O'Shea 7, R. Stark 7, H. O'Shea 6, Byrne & Valeri 9, McLaren 7, Gibson 8.

If Dr. Jeckyl were alive and kicking he probably would have stepped directly into the Heidelberg United team during the first half as Mr. Hyde.

To say the Warriors had the horrors is to put it mildly.

They looked like a team bent on destruction and had it not been for a very doubtful decision by referee Venios in the third minute, that's probably what would have happened.

The incident started with a pass-back by Heidelberg skipper Jimmy Rooney to goalkeeper Jeff Oliver.

Unfortunately the ball didn't reach its proposed destination. Walter Valeri stepped in and slipped it past the stranded Oliver.

John Yzendoorn came thundering in to clear, but it looked as if he was too late... by at least a foot.

From my vantage point it looked like a goal and the Canberra players were too busy trying to retrieve the sit-

uation to put up much of a protest.

But had Canberra been given a goal then, there is no saying what would have happened.

Heidelberg struggled through the half with Ian Gibson causing all kinds of trouble and the class of Valeri standing out like a beacon.

Gibson hit the crossbar with a lob which beat Oliver all ends up and later set up a chance for the cultured Valeri, who surprisingly headed past from a good position.

It was all Canberra with Rooney working hard to try to instigate some form of order in the defence and not having much luck.

Only Yzendoorn showed any authority, while Jim Tansey looked leg weary.

In the first 45 minutes, Heidelberg rarely troubled the Canberra defence, where skipper Roy Stark, ably assisted by the O'Sheas, Mike and John, had everything under control.

The second half started off in similar vein with Gibson running, the Heidelberg defence ragged and Valeri finding enough space in the box to build a car park.

Then came the Rooney moment stroke. After 58 frustrating minutes he brought Irishman Joe McGrory on as a replacement for Andy Bozakis.

It wasn't a particularly popular move with the home fans, but it had the desired effect.

Heidelberg suddenly began to look more like its old self. More confident, more positive and infinitely more dangerous.

In fact only two minutes after McGrory's entrance Heidelberg took the lead.

McGrory challenged keeper Richard Wilson for a Rooney:

Richard Wilson for a Rooney

Polished City loses Jones

**Blacktown 1
Adelaide City 5**

Scorer: Gabbie: 2348

Referee: Doug Rennie 5

Yellow cards: Jones (7), Perin (31), Burrows (47).

Red cards: Jones (68).

Goals: Blacktown: Cuk, Adel-

aide City: Mitchell 2, Rus-

sell, Nyskohus, Northcote,

BLACKTOWN DEMONS:

James 8, Wheately 7, Pointe-

6, Milovanovic 6, O'Donnell 5,

Salvo 5, Hormazabal 5, Cu-

line 5, Wallace 5 (Milosevic

5 53rd), Burrows 7, Cuk 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall

8, Russell 7, Perin 9, Jones 8,

Nyskohus 7, Doides 8, Mar-

rochi 7, Metta 7, Mitchell 8, J.

Nyskohus 8, Northcote 8.

The Demons have surprised,

yet again.

With four minutes gone, the locals learned their first lesson. This Adelaide outfit is still the most polished footballing side in the league. With precision they swiftly moved the ball across the park to create an opening for Gary Maciocchi. His shot was partly blocked by James, David Mitchell was on hand to knock the ball in from only metres away to make it 1-0.

However in the 24th minute, Peter Marshall made his only mistake of the game allowing Peter Cuk to head in the equaliser. A long, probing ball by Wheately was floating towards goal and Cuk went for it. Marshall came out, then stopped, allowing Cuk to lob the ball over him and into the net.

Roger Sherack

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The 31st minute to create an opening for Northcote, whose shot was deflected into the net by Johnny Nyskohus and City were forced once again.

Before I go on let me recount an incident in the dying seconds of the game which scored a great goal from an O'Donnell cross. Cuk came from behind to race between two City players and beat Marshall with ease. The visitors did not claim offside, and in fact accepted it as a goal, but it was Mr. Fowler this time who put the flag up and the goal was cancelled.

The result was 5-1 by then so it would have mattered little, but with both sides playing the offside trap to perfection, the few occasions that the players managed to get through must have stunned the referee and the linesmen alike.

It was also peculiar to see Mr. Fowler completely ignore an incident in the middle of the park and just inside the City territory. Hormazabal and

David Jones had a fine game, and was most unfortunate to be sent off in the 65th minute. He received a yellow card for a deliberate hand ball in the first half and received yet another yellow card after a foul in the 68th minute. However, Blacktown players raced in to explain to Mr. Rennie that he had already booked

Defence wins it for J.U.T., 'robbery', says Thomson

Footscray JUST 1 Sydney City 0.

Goal: Belic 67m.

Ground: Schindler Reserve,

Footscray.

Crowd: about 1000.

Weather: Warm and windy.

Cautions: O'Reilly, Haz-

abent, Belic, Kakantinis.

Referee: Dennis Voutsinas

(Vic).

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland

8, O'Reilly, Hazabent 6, Kyri-

koulias 7, Kondoros 6, Milne

7, Milovanovic 6, Illoksi 6, Belic

7, Petrov 10th; Kakantinis

6, Cottrell 8th; Cozzella 7.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 5,

Souness 7, Spanos 6, O'Con-

nor 6, (Gomes 50th) Bruce 6,

Patikas 7, Muniz 6, (Cant

74th), Barnes 7; Watson 6,

Boden 6, Kosmina 7.

No one in his wildest dreams would have predicted this will from the picture of gloom that surrounded Footscray before the match.

The players were walking around with their heads down expecting the inevitable to happen.

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In truth the match could have been all over after 15 minutes when Joe Watson headed home a cross by Steve O'Connor. A goal at that early stage would have blown up Footscray's defensive tactics and by opening



Dick Prendergast

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up City might have ended up with a record score.

But Watson's goal was disallowed apparently for offside — a decision which was hotly disputed in the match post-mortem.

Two minutes after the offside Dennis Boland made a good save from Ian Souness who let fly from outside the area after receiving a short free kick from Agnew 10m.

But for the rest of the half Sydney City found it hard to penetrate the five-man defence and the only real shots at goal came from dead ball situations.

Steve O'Connor had a free kick cut out and Dennis Boland stopped another shot from John Kosmina after a foul by O'Reilly and Jim Patikas.

O'Reilly was one of four players booked in a period of 15 minutes in which Footscray started to throw its weight around.

But the half-time whistle came without a score and slowly it began to dawn on the

home side that there might be hope in sight of at least a draw.

Ken Boden, shadowed throughout the match by Kyri Kyriakouleas, could have shattered those hopes with his only worthwhile move of the game, in the 54th minute.

He made ground down the centre through a series of passes with Muniz and rounded a defender to break clear with only the keeper to beat but allowed Boland to smother his shot.

Footscray came out of its shell after an hour's play, forcing two successive corners before Igor Hazabent started themove in the 67th minute which brought the match-winning goal.

The fullback overlapped on the left, pushed the ball through for Bruno Cozzella who raced past a defender to cut the ball back near the baseline for the surging Vlatko Belic to run in and hammer home from outside the penalty area.

That gave the match an entertaining finish with Sydney City adding urgency and more men to their attack and at the same time giving Footscray the chance to exploit the counter attack.

Joe Watson made a great dash down the right wing and cut in to have a shot himself but failed, leaving Boland in the way of the counter attack.

But mainly the pressure came from high crosses and Boland was in superb touch in the air on the day.

Ironically the match finished with Footscray on the breakaway with substitute Chris Petrov coming out of defence to face only one Sydney City defender. Selfishly, however, Petrov elected



Vlatko Belic

to go it alone when Cozzella, running a few paces behind him, would have been clear through with only the keeper to beat.

Rather appropriately, Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson called it "daylight robbery" but also added that he hoped Footscray is relegated.

"You would have thought they were the away team the way they defended," he said. "I think we sound like sour grapes but I think we would have run away with it if Joe Watson's goal had stood and I still can't understand the reason why it was disallowed."

Cedo Cirkovic gave his side credit for a very disciplined performance. "It wasn't that Sydney City played poorly, it was us who didn't give them a chance to play."

As usual he stressed his side's limitations, saying that he doesn't have the players to attack sides like Sydney City.

"In the first game after eight rounds we had only my full defence. If I'd had them before we could've had another couple of points in the bag."

"I was especially pleased by the way Vlatko Belic stuck to Murray Barnes and he scored a great goal on top of that."

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• The sponsorship cheque being handed over.

In foreground, Mr. Bob Pritchard, manager of the Dorset Gardens Hotel in Croydon, hands over a sponsorship cheque to Peter Crawley, president of Ringwood United.

'GARDENS' BACK RINGWOOD

The Dorset Gardens Hotel of the outer Melbourne suburb of Croydon, became official sponsor of Victorian Third Division club Ringwood United last week.

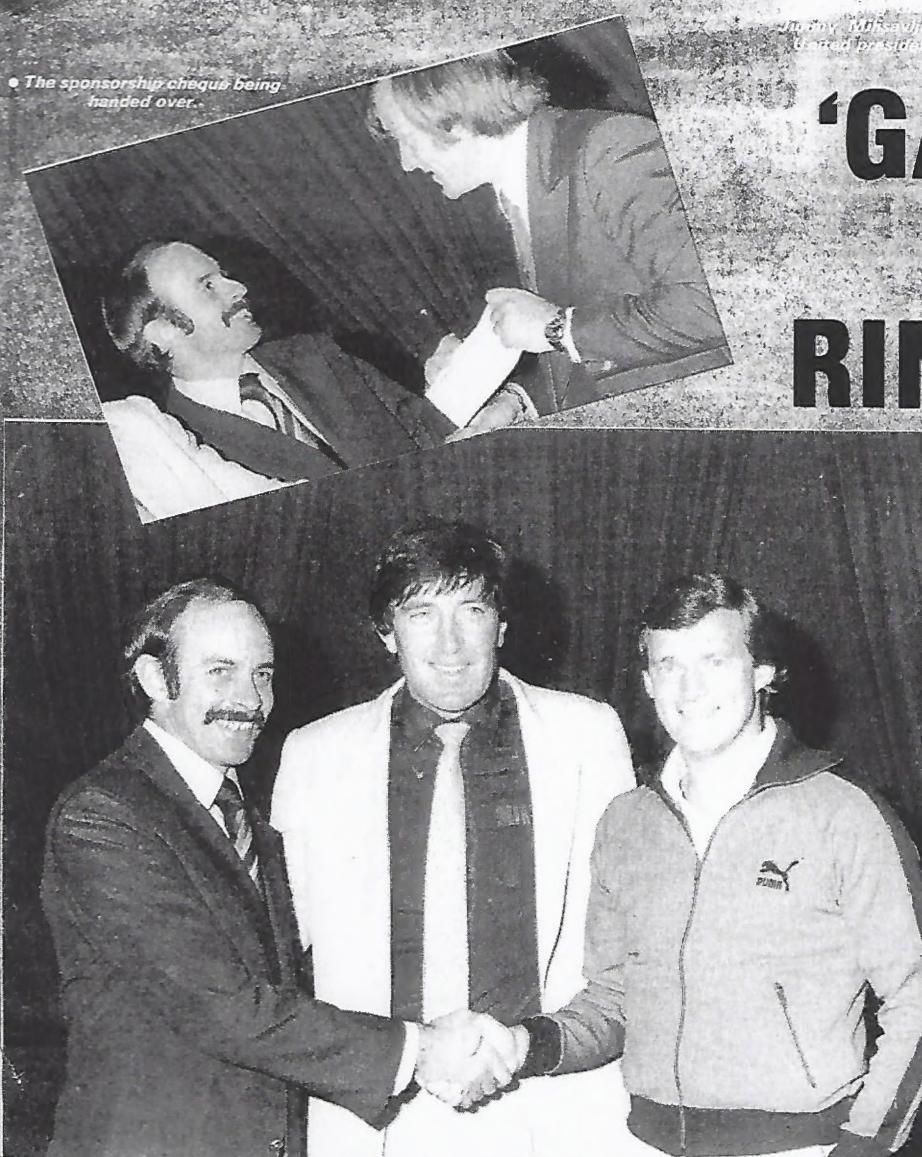
Mr. Bob Pritchard, manager of the Dorset Gardens, handed Ringwood United president Peter Crawley a sponsorship cheque for an undisclosed amount and pledged to do everything he could to help the club.

Also present was former VFA and VFL footballer Fred Cook of Puma, maker of the track suits which bear the slogan 'R.U.S.C.', sponsored by Dorset Gardens Hotel.

RUSSC stands for Ringwood United Serbia Soccer Club. The Serbia tag was added because many former members of Carlton Serbia now are involved with Ringwood United.

One of them is former Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Jimmy Milisavljevic who was in the Australian squad for the World Cup finals in West Germany in 1974. He was coach of Carlton Serbia.

• LEFT: Mr. Bob Pritchard (left), manager of the Dorset Gardens Hotel in Croydon, shakes hands with Ringwood United coach Mike Stacker, who played for Moorabbin United in the Philips League. In the centre is former Footscray and Port Melbourne striker Fred Cook of Puma.



Super Socceroos — bigger and better than ever

Countdown — 10 days till blast-off and everything on schedule and according to plan.

That's the latest from the nerve centre at the Socceroos base in Maroubra this week.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf and his players are hard at work and I can assure you all that the spirit and the atmosphere in the camp is terrific.

Any doubters on this score should take a look at the boys training and their doubts will soon be put to rest.

This is an Australian team like all Australian sporting



Tom Anderson

teams when they get together — determined and dedicated to do the best for their country and to win.

After the last world tour which I did not participate in, (thank heaven as it turned out), we were led to believe that the team was a shambles and our morale was gone beyond repair.

Well, all I can say is that whatever was supposed to happen, is all gone by the board and the Socceroos are back in

business bigger and better than ever and their team spirit is sky high.

Coach Gutendorf has the unquestionable respect of all his players and everything in the garden is rosy.

There has been a great deal of writing and expounding on what the team will be to meet the Kiwis.

Opinions have been thrown around and many discussions have taken place.

Well, this is only natural and everyone is entitled to an opinion.

I am confident that Rudi Gutendorf has everything under control and on Anzac Day the formation he fields will be the correct one and the one to bring the desired result.

What a great many people seem to forget is that Gut-

endorf has more experience at international level throughout the world than any other coach in Australia.

Yet here he is, at times maligned and criticised by coaches that have not coached a team outside Australia.

Now is the time for all the petty jealousy and sniping at Rudi Gutendorf and his boys to end and for all Australia to get behind him and the Socceroos.

As I wrote in earlier columns this year, the New Zealanders have their problems, but through some help from a number of their

"Australian Friends" they are trying to hide them.

However, they are failing miserably and another big problem has just come to light.

They have offered their players a \$1000 each for seven weeks world cup duty.

This is too ridiculous for words in professional football and all this stuff about playing for your country for nothing has no place in top professional sport — even the World Cup.

Anyway Wollongong's New Zealand striker Clive Camp-

bell has informed the New Zealand officials that he will not play or go on World Cup duty if the money is not at least doubled.

And, if Campbell gets the extra money, all the other NZ players will want it and it will be on young and old.

The honest truth of the matter is, that the NZ/F.A. cannot afford to pay them any more so big trouble lies ahead.

Isn't it sad (ha, ha, ha).

Again I say that the New Zealanders are the most over-rated bunch ever and not only can the Socceroos win but they will.

Paul Allen leads English youth assault down under

By PAUL MOON

Cechi, Debolo, Argentina's stars

Argentine youth stars Cechi and Debolo already have earned full international "caps", both appearing as substitutes in the recent 5-1 eclipse of Switzerland.

Georges Espinaldo, scorer of two superb goals against New Zealand, formed a formidable striking partnership with Diego Maradona at Argentinos Juniors before the latter's transfer to Boca.

Hector Tapia also impressed against the New Zealanders with a superb exhibition of ball control.

Even if Argentina does not retain the championship in October, it certainly will be one of the most entertaining teams on display.

— PAUL MOON

having an 89 day advantage over the previous record holder Howard Kendall (Preston North End 1964).

He probably would have celebrated with a goal too, only to be thwarted by a last ditch "professional foul" by Willie Young as the West Ham number seven speedily descended upon the Argentine goal late in the game. A

cup-winner's medal was ample compensation though.

Fifteen days later Allen received another winners' medal as he completed a memorable first season in professional soccer with the England team which won the UEFA International youth tournament at Leipzig, scoring during a scintillating 2-1 final triumph over Poland.

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England youth star Paul Allen (centre) is sandwiched between two Aston Villa opponents in an F.A. Cup tie.

Worthington blasts NSW

The eventual standard of our soccer will stand or fall on the standard of our national coaching scheme.

I made this statement two weeks ago at the conclusion of an article outlining ways we could lift our soccer standards.

I subsequently interviewed the man charged with the success of the national coaching scheme, Eric Worthington.

Worthington has been under a lot of criticism from various sections of the media and the soccer fraternity generally who ask — what has he done, what is he now doing?

I suggested to our national director of coaching that he is keeping too low a profile for someone in such an important position and despite the strong backing he has from Sir Arthur George, he should let people know what he is about.

His reply was: "My job is not as a promotions man, my job is to lay down a structure to produce good coaches and players."

"It is a hard work thing, not an instant booster which so many people are looking for."

"It takes 15 years to make a player and longer to make a good one."

He said that apart from NSW, which was the "sick" arm of the national coaching scheme, the rest of the country was working to a well laid out plan.

Each State, apart from NSW, had a full time director of coaching.

ACT had Les Dee (English), Tasmania, Steve Darby (English); W. Aust. Ron Tindall (English); South Australia, Mike Wells (English); Queensland, Ron Smith (English); Victoria, Len McKendry (English). McKendry recently vacated his director of coaching job though he is still State coach.

Queensland in fact has four full time coaches working under the national coaching plan, with its director, Ron Smith supported by district coaches Tim White (English) in Townsville, John Ward (English) in Rockhampton and



Mike Johnson

and only three of them were Australian.

At a recent seminar for referees, out of the 100 there only 10 were Australian.

The national coaching scheme involves not just coaches, but referees, fitness trainers, and even managers.

"Eric Worthington pointed out quite rightly that almost all the people involved in soccer did so on a part time basis and to get the dynamism into soccer development that some people talked about was very difficult."

On the other hand two recent events signify the need to keep "attacking" the problem rather than accept it.

A recent "Fitness for Soccer" seminar held by university fitness lecturer, Bob White of Adelaide attracted only 12 people.

A recent well publicised seminar at the Auburn Soccer Club in Sydney attended by such "heavies" as Joe Vlasits, Ray Rasic, Eric Worthington, John Frank and Brian Emery attracted just 14 people.

Eric Worthington states that top coaches such as Frank Arrok, Ray Rasic, Tom Docherty and the like are too committed in their clubs to spare the time to get involved in the coaching scheme.

During the winter months they are without time and in the summer, when most of the coaches are on holidays, want to have a well earned rest.

Despite these and numerous other problems I do believe it is time to reappraise, the national coaching plan, to give it new zest, maybe take a slightly different track, get the best of the professionals involved in it.

Because, once again, I make the point that in the long term the standard reached by our soccer will depend completely on the standards reached by Australian developed coaches and players.

These standards will be set by the standards of the national coaching scheme.

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Gus the great leads Ajax assault



DOVES WILL FIGHT TO BITTER END



Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE

AJAX 3 (McLeod 2,
Morrey) NORTHCOTE 1
(Nicolaidis)

AJAX: Danys 7 — Lewis 7,
Cannell 7, Gardiner 8, Bennett 7 —
Vassallo 7, Greenach 7, Williams 6 —
Wall 6, McLeod 9, Morrey 7.

NORTHCOTE: Techir 9 —
Rakes 5, Bajic 6, Nicolaidis 6, Nelson
8, Kalfetidis 6, Fekas 7 — Palauoso
7, Kriaris 6, Ruljevic 7, Gatzonis 5 —
Sahinkidis (ing), Tsetsos 15th, 6,
Nicolaidis 7.

A half time tongue lashing from
Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan was
followed by a second half onslaught

Dragan Basic

on the Northcote goal and three
goals which saw Ajax to second spot in
the State League.

Ajax's leading striker Gus
Mackenzie was the hero to the Ajax assault,
winning almost every ball in
the air and putting the Northcote
defence under extreme pressure.

"It wasn't for McLeod I think
we could have beaten them," said
Northcote coach Jim Kriaris.

The Northerners opened the scoring
in the 30th minute.

John Nicolaidis was set up by
Spirits Tsetsos who had replaced the
injured Sakis Sahinkidis in front of
goal after 15 minutes.

Nicolaidis dummied to shoot,
turned onto his right foot and slammed
the ball into the far corner of
goal from 15 metres.

Five minutes later the second half
was over and it was labelled when
McLeod's diving header from a Bill
Norrey corner gave "Rocky" Techir
no chance.

Morrey found himself in the clear
near the edge of the Northcote six
yard box in the 40th minute.

His low shot beat a group of players on
the goal line but put Ajax in front.

Seven minutes later McLeod
grabbed his second when Northcote
was caught too far forward.

Rather than shoot from inside the
area, John Vassallo set up McLeod.

Like Vassallo, McLeod was a good
shooting striker but he cleverly
tapped the ball square to the incoming
McLeod, who blasted the ball past

Ajax's championship campaign is
slowly gathering momentum.

Northcote should do well despite
its defeat. J.U.S.T. striker Dragan
Basic was signed last Monday for
\$3,000.

Billy Wilkinson blows it



But de Bruyckere's worries
were quickly put to rest. Wilkinson's
penalty attempt was well saved by the diving Les
Fearn.

In the 88th minute Ringwood
struck its crucial blow.

Mensink's cross fooled Gay
who stood as if transfixed on
the line as the ball sailed into
goal.

Five minutes later Mensink
rebounded off Gay's chest but the
Ringwood sub miscued his
second attempt and shot wide
from four metres.

"Players are urgently re-
quired at George cross,
particularly strikers," said new
coach Adam Blair.

Billy Wilkinson's poorly
taken penalty attempt denied
George Cross the chance to hit
the front and five minutes later
a miskicked cross from
substitute Rick Mensink
caught out Oliver Gay and
Ringwood had recorded its
first win since returning to
State League ranks.

"Players are urgently re-
quired at George cross,
particularly strikers," said new
coach Adam Blair.

Adam was approached late
last week to take over the
reins at leading NSW State
League club Sydney Croatia.
He approached the George
Cross committee and told
them of the offer but was as-
sured that the verbal agree-
ment struck between Adam
and George Cross would be
honoured.

Adam was keen to stop the
deal between the Cross and
Perth club Tricolore over striker
Tony Cowan but his at-
tempt proved fruitless.

Ringwood coach Mike de
Bruyckere was pleased with
his side's win but emphasised
that there were areas for fur-
ther improvement.

He also had plenty to say
about the 75th minute penalty
decision against his side.

"It wasn't a penalty. I'm
sure of that," he said.

"Our left back Ron Verniers
made a really good tackle and
had done well to clear the ball."

ELLIS WINS

Every week "Soccer Action"
will nominate a State
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who wins a dinner for two at
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The winner can pick up his
ticket for a dinner for two at
"Soccer Action", 603 Little
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winner should ask for the manager,
Carlo Gisonda.

This week's winner is Sun-
shine stopper STEVE ELLIS.

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TEAM OF THE WEEK

FEARN
(R'wood)

SHORT (Croatia) ELLIS (S'ine) GARDINER (Ajax) McCONVILLE (D'ton)

BANNON (G. Cross)

FRENCH (Hakoah)

KERR (Croatia)

EGAN (F'ton)

MCLEOD (Ajax)

BROGAN (C'don)

Ian Loughnane leads top scorer award

General Tourist Travel Service will sponsor the State League Top Scorer competition. The winner receives a return trip for two to New Zealand. Leading scorers are:
3 — Ian Loughnane (Croy)
2 — Egan (F), McLeod (A), Brogan (Croy), Adams (C)

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

Altona v CROYDON at Kim Reserve, Sunday 3 pm.

Sunshine v CROATIA at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

NORTHCOTE v Juventus at John Cain Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Doveton v AJAX at Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Ringwood v Frankston (draw) at Jubilee Park, Sunday,

6 pm.

George Cross v Hakoah (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ameteo Travel's State League Player of the Year will win a return trip to Spain, including tickets to World Cup Final games, travel to and from the grounds and partial accommodation costs. The total value of the Ameteo Travel award is in excess of \$3,500.

This week's votes:

HAKOAH v DOVETON

- 3 — McConville (D)
- 2 — French (H)
- 1 — Cappy (D)
- 3 — JONES v SUNSHINE
- 2 — Ellis (S)
- 2 — Vuccaro (J)
- 1 — Mudinic (S)
- 3 — Kerr (R)
- 2 — Maessen (A)
- 1 — Short (C)
- 3 — McLeod (A)
- 2 — Techir (A)
- 1 — Gardiner (A)

RINGWOOD v GEORGE CROSS

3 — Fearn (R)

2 — Bannon (GC)

1 — Short (C)

CROYDON v FRANKSTON

7 — Brogan (C)

2 — Egan (F)

1 — I. Loughnane (C).

Proprietary votes:

5 — Ellis (S)

4 — Bannon (GC)

3 — Adams (F)

Loughnane, Brogan (Croy), Getz, Jones, Irvin, McConville (D), Brooks, Fearn (R), Cannell, McLeod (A), Kerr (C), Maessen (A).

AJANTA v ALTONA

3 — Kerr (R)

2 — Maessen (A)

1 — Short (C)

AJAX v NORTHCOTE

3 — McLeod (A)

2 — Techir (A)

1 — Gardiner (A)

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• In the second half of last season, Newcastle had the best record in the league, culminating in a victory over Singapore during an end-of-season trip. Newcastle has strengthened its squad this year through the acquisition of Steve Summer, Ian Buckley and Bob Mountford, but it lost Peter Redmick to Wollongong and now Col Curran is out with a serious injury. Arno Bartogna and Malcolm McClelland have been the stars of the early rounds, and despite a major setback in being beaten soundly by South Melbourne, Newcastle still is within striking distance of the top.

From left, standing: coach Alan Vast, David Jones (from Macclesfield, England, 1979), Bob Mountford (Stockport County, 1981), Arno Bartogna (Azurri, WA, 1978), Ian Buckley (Cambridge United, 1981), Steve Phil Danilo (Brisbane Lions, 1978), Paul Rainey (ex Leeds Utd., joined from Burnham (Christchurch Utd., NZ, 1981), Frank Campbell (trainer), Bradford City, 1980), Craig Mason (from England, 1978), Graham Hoya (Macclesfield, 1979), David Front: Craig Mason (from England, 1978), Graham Hoya (captain, from Brisbane Lions, 1979), Roy Drinkwater (from youth team, 1980), Roy Drinkwater (Sydney Olympic, 1979), Howard Tredinnick (from youth team, 1978), Joe Sankowski (Adelaide, 1979). Not pictured: Col Curran (Western Suburbs, 1978), Malcolm McClelland (Adelaide, 1979), Clint Gosling (MT, Wellington, 1981), John Sneddon (West Wallsend Suburbs, 1978), Brett Cowburn (Toronto Avroha 1978), Grant Storey (Edgeworth, 1978).



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

ENGLISH, GERMAN OLD BRIGADE TO BATTLE AGAIN

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent



spot and the third in Geneva after he had cashed part of the \$1,100,000 ransom.

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The North American Soccer League dropped their 35 yard line claim and the call for three subs to be used each game on the eve of the start of their new season. But they will still try and woo FIFA in their favour on the future of their claims.

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Vujadin Buskov, the Real Madrid coach, was probably saved the chop after his side staged a two week revival by first beating Spartak Moscow followed by a thumping 3-0 win over Barcelona.

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Bayern Munich, bugged by falling crowds, recently allowed pensioners and school children admission free of charge. That day it snowed, kept the crowd down to 19,000, and it is thought 14,000 were there.

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The Scottish Football League should parcel up the Premier League title, it said present it to the public now.

Three thousand Barcelonans gathered outside the Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys in Castro on the club's training session only 12 hours before he had been freed by his kidnappers. Castro had been held in a garage by three unemployed mechanics two of whom were arrested on the

boy side. Manchester City are favourites for his signature.

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A great race is on for Scottish schoolboy star Alastair Dick. At the last count no fewer than 32 English and Scottish clubs have approached the exciting left footer from Stirling. Dick, with an old fashioned swerve, has a silencing left foot shot, scored in Scotland's recent under-18 2-1 win over England. Yet he is still eligible for Scotland's under-15 school-

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John Wark's 34th-minute goal gave Ipswich Town victory in their UEFA Cup semi-final first-leg clash against West German side Cologne at Portman Road last week.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP

Semi-final, first leg

Liverpool 0 Bayern Munich 0; Real Madrid 2 Inter Milan 0.

Ipswich 1 FFC Cologne 0; Sochaux (France) 1 AZ67 Alkmaar (Holland) 1.

UEFA CUP

Semi-finals, first leg

Ipswich Town 1 FFC Cologne 0; Sochaux (France) 1 AZ67 Alkmaar (Holland) 1.

WARK'S WINNER ONLY JOY FOR ENGLISH

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP

Semi-finals, first leg

Carl Zeiss Jena 2 Benfica 0; Dynamo Tbilisi 3 Feyenoord 0.

EUROPEAN CUP

Semi-finals, first leg

Ipswich Town 1 FFC Cologne 0; Sochaux (France) 1 AZ67 Alkmaar (Holland) 1.

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'Discrimination - we'd go to Al Grassby'

We point out that 'Neos Cosmos', "Il Gobbo", "Novosti", "Hellenic Herald", "Athletic Echo", "Hrvatski List", "Nova Doba", and "La Flamma" all are so bold as to refer to names like Hellas, J.U.S.T., Juventus, Alexander, Croatia, Azzurri, Makedonia and so on.

Will the PSL black-ban also these papers? They should be wary of foreign-language radio broadcasts as well.

We sought a few views from clubs. Here they are:

Zika Nikolic (Footscray JUST): "The PSL in taking this action, is working against the promotion of the game. The PSL can do what it likes in trying to push soccer to outsiders, but it has no right to stop promoting it within the ethnic communities, in which the strength of the game lies."

"To be consistent, the PSL would have to take action against all sections of the ethnic press in Australia

From page one

- and it would have to do so at a time when the Australian government is helping the ethnic communities through ethnic TV and radio networks.

"If the PSL gave a directive to stop 'Soccer Action' being sold at our ground, we would lodge a strong protest with the league and with Al Grassby on a point of discrimination."

Arthur Loustas (Heidelberg United): "I can see the PSL's motive in trying to have Australian club names used, but a newspaper is entitled to write what it likes and the fact is that soccer has mainly ethnic support."

"It does not make sense for the PSL to cross swords with any newspapers, for without Press support, we would be in trouble."

John Branov (Preston Makedonia): "I do not approve of prohibi-

tion. It invariably defeats its own purpose. Banning a paper gets you nowhere."

"I can understand the idea of trying to expand support for clubs across the boundaries of the ethnic population, but the danger there is that you could destroy what you already have. We can surely work on both levels. Names aren't that important. Ron Barassi and Alex Jesualenko aren't considered foreign names, are they?"

"The drive against ethnic club names only confirms those names. Last year, when we were allowed to call ourselves Makedonia, the supporters chanted Preston, Preston. Now, when the PSL won't allow us to use Makedonia, that's exactly what the supporters choose to chant at games."

For the views of South Melbourne Hellas president Sam Papasavas, see pages two and three.

NZ coach won't release PSL men



Duncan Cole: one of Canberra's New Zealand internationals.

Ground a problem for 'Cross

While the saga of Selwyn Park rages on, Victorian State League club George Cross continues to bolster its first team squad.

The latest signing is Hugh McCann, a 23-year-old attacking midfielder from Scottish club Kilsyth Rangers.

McCann has had trials with Park, Thistle, East Stirling and Stenhousemuir and has signed a two-year contract with a one-year option with the Cross.

Hot on McCann's heels could be Terry Kent whose brother Chris plays with Hakoah.

Terry is about to turn 20 and has trialled with English First Division clubs West Bromwich Albion and Sunderland.

He has played with Fourth Division club Darlington and his signed contract is winging its way back to Australia.

Ex-Maltese international George Faure has been training with the Cross for five weeks and hopes to have his clearance ratified soon.

The 33-year-old defensive midfielder played with Marsa in Malta.

Jim Adam has agreed verbally to take over as coach for a one year period.

However Adam has made his dissatisfaction with training facilities known. The squad will train three times weekly, only once at Juke Street in Broadmeadows.

Adam also will act as liaison officer with the media.

But the most pressing problem facing the Cross revolves around its use of Albion Rovers' ground, Selwyn Park.

George Cross president Alf Zahra received correspondence from the VSF and Sunshine council approving the move.

But the VSF fixtures committee has vetoed the necessary re-arrangement of fixtures.

Albion Rovers is prepared to help out and is trying to re-arrange the kick-off times for its juniors so that Cross can play its home games on Sunday at Selwyn Park.

Just over 800 paying customers attended Cross's christening of its new headquarters when it played against Frankston two weeks ago. — CRAIG MACKENZIE.

Labbozzetta slams Rudi and the Marconi stars

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Teams with the most Socceroos are being ruined because of the commando-like training of national coach Rudi Gutendorf, Marconi president Tony Labbozzetta said this week.

He also blamed the general attitude of his players for Marconi's mediocre form in the league.

Marconi lost 0-2 to Sydney Olympic last Sunday, a result which made coach Raul Blanco's coaching job shakier than ever.

Labbozzetta admitted many of Marconi's members were calling for Blanco's head, but he added: "What can a coach do with players who just don't perform? This is not the type of performance you would expect from a team with six internationals.

Blanco must get out the axe and chop off the dead wood," he added, "even if it means some of our players lose their place in the national team."

Labbozzetta called his three forwards — Peter Sharne, Eddie Krnecic and Mark Jankovic — "pussycats".

While blaming Gutendorf's hard training camp for contributing to the players' poor form, he pointed out that the Marconi stars had been disappointing since the start of the season.

Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace also blasted the week-long Socceroo training camp after his team's 1-1 draw with South Melbourne Hellas.

He said two of his players who were on the camp — Sebastian Giampao and Greg Woodhouse — played below their best.

The same can be said about Sydney City's Ken Boden and Heildeberg's Gary Cole.

"Gutendorf ran them into the ground in the training camp," Labbozzetta said. "He had them doing long runs on the beach every morning, then it was off to Barton Park for a couple of hours' training and in the evening they played not one, but two matches."

"Nowhere in the world do you expect players to play for their clubs on the weekend, after going through that kind of routine."

"Instead of working on fitness in training camps, Gutendorf should be worrying about team cohesion and tactics. The present situation is utterly ridiculous. It leaves the players ragged by the time of the weekend game — and it is club soccer that sustains these players, not national team involvement. Who pays the wages for these players and their families? The clubs do!"

Resuming his criticism of the out-of-form Marconi players, Labbozzetta said: "If they intend to show their best only in the national team, we'd be better off without them. I'd rather put in five or six players from the juniors and see a bit of gutsy effort, even if we do lose."

"We will not stand still. Someone has to get the chop somewhere along the line if this type of thing continues."

Marconi last week fined Eddie Krnecic and Peter Sharne \$100 each for staying out late the night before a match. However, Labbozzetta said stories about the two players carousing at a discotheque had been exaggerated. Krnecic, he said, took a friend to a disco and stayed only until about

11.16 pm, while Sharne was at a birthday party, where he stayed until about 11 pm to see the cutting of the cake.

Meanwhile, Marconi will be without Houssein Housseini against Heildeberg on Sunday. Housseini was sent off against Sydney Olympic.

But Joe Picioane, who has played only half a match since joining from Footscray, has recovered from a pulled muscle, moved into a house in Sydney and found a suitable job, and he will play on Sunday.



Tony Labbozzetta: "Rudi ran the players into the ground."



Marconi coach Raul Blanco: "He'll have to get out the axe."

No' to Latchford, Preston tops

From page one

Admittedly, Preston was very disorganized in its administration and it always relied heavily on one or two individuals putting their hands in their pockets to finance one stop-gap measure or another.

Now things are different.

During our visit to Connor Reserve, I was fascinated by the club's beautiful social club building, and by all its other excellent facilities.

The social club in particular, puts the other three suburban PSL clubs to shame.

And Preston's playing staff will be strengthened this week by Alan Whittle, the former Everton star.

Preston deserves all the credit it gets. It is clubs like this that constitute the future of the game in Australia.

And a word about the hospitality as well — it was terrific, before and after the game, even at half time.

But while I'm talking about the match, let me tell you that the writer who commented in a Melbourne paper that Raleasic and Blacktown stood for boring, defensive soccer, was sitting very close to me near the touchline.

In his printed remarks, he had rubbish his team and had given it virtually no hope of success.

He must have changed his mind afterwards, be-

cause he wrote that my defence was among the most well-organized and tightly-disciplined he had seen.

I admired the youngster's ear-ring and his American army shirt, but I didn't think he displayed much professionalism in failing to front up to the Blacktown boys after he had been proved wrong.

We all wanted to see him afterwards. Where did he go so quickly?

Also on the subject of the match, referee Yelland came in for some criticism, but I must say that Yelland and his two linesmen displayed excellent understanding and in my opinion, they were the best team of officials I have seen so far this year.

MAZDA HELPS BUY MUNRO

Albion Rovers finally have a clearance for their coach, Frank Munro.

Werribee Mazda came to the aid of the club by providing the \$1500 Juventus wanted for Munro.

The former Wolverhampton Wanderers defender joined Rovers early this year in the hope of being player-coach but the club had trouble coming up with the transfer fee.

Munro, who came to Australia in 1978 to join South Melbourne Hellas, played in Rovers' reserves against Moreland last Saturday. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

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